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Thank you Chair, distinguished delegates,

Czechia fully subscribes to the statement delivered by the European Union. Allow me to add several remarks in our national capacity.

Chair,

Czechia remains firmly committed to the NPT. We welcome the enhanced transparency by some nuclear-weapon States and encourage others to follow suit. At the upcoming Review Conference State Parties should work in a constructive manner and reconfirm their existing commitments in order to restore the Treaty's credibility. We reiterate our full support to the IAEA and its safeguards system and call upon all remaining NPT State Parties that have not yet done so to ratify and bring into force their Comprehensive Safeguards Agreements and Additional Protocols.

Chair,

Russia's reckless nuclear rhetoric, suspension of New START, and withdrawal of its CTBT ratification undermine decades of arms control and disarmament progress and reflect a broader disregard for international law. For Czechia, these actions reaffirm the vital importance of collective defence within NATO and the essential role of Allied nuclear deterrence in ensuring national, regional, and global security.

Czechia believes that credible deterrence and responsible arms control are mutually reinforcing. NATO's nuclear sharing, conducted in full compliance with the NPT, enhances stability by maintaining a credible deterrent while reducing incentives for new nuclear military programmes. The extended nuclear umbrella has long anchored Allied security within the NPT framework, demonstrating how cooperative arrangements can strengthen nonproliferation and prevent the spread of nuclear weapons.

Chair,

We remain convinced that the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons does not provide a viable pathway to nuclear disarmament. It disregards the current security realities and risks undermining the NPT regime, which enjoys near-universal adherence and proven effectiveness. Real and lasting progress in disarmament can only be achieved through a gradual, pragmatic, and verifiable approach — one that strengthens, not weakens, the NPT and the broader nonproliferation regime.

Czechia will work with any willing partners around the world to restore the credibility of arms control and nonproliferation. We view responsible and transparent nuclear deterrence as vital to collective defence and stability, while continuing to promote risk reduction and confidence-building. Our commitment to a world without nuclear weapons endures to be achieved through verifiable, reciprocal, and realistic steps that strengthen collective security.

Thank you, Chair.